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1. YOUR ASSUMPTION (PARA 2 REFTEL) THAT US NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING US TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN GROUP WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE OTHER TERRITORIES IS VALID. RECENT DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED SWPCG APPEAR TO INCLUDE ONLY INDEPENDENT OR SOON-TO-BE INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES OF SW PACIFIC AREA, AND INCLUSION OF US TERRITORIES WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE.

2. EARLIER DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS WERE BASED UPON EARLIER REPORTS THAT PROPOSED GROUP MIGHT INCLUDE UK AND FRENCH TERRITORIES.

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HOWEVER, THIS SUBJECT NOT REPEAT NOT STRUCK HEAVILY,

SINCE SUCH A GROUPING SEEMED UNLIKELY. FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO REPEAT NO GROUNDS FOR INTERPRETING DEPARTMENT INTEREST AS BLANKED DESIRE TO HAVE US TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN ANY SW PACIFIC GROUP. NO REPEAT NO DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD ON THIS SUBJECT WITH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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